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SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING THE BRIDGE—WTW AND TANF CONFERENCE

This information bulletin is to encourage representatives from Service Delivery Areas and their partner agencies to attend the forthcoming "Strengthening the Bridge—Welfare-to-Work and TANF" conference.

Ray Bramucci, Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, have met to discuss the status of welfare reform and the many barriers being reported by Welfare-to-Work (WtW) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) agencies. They are urging those in the workforce industry to meet for a one-day problem solving conference to discuss how the two systems can work together effectively. Therefore, the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, California Department of Social Services, Employment Development Department, California Workforce Association, County Welfare Director's Association and San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc., have teamed to sponsor this event. The purpose of the conference is:

- To learn and explore ways to understand and communicate between the TANF agencies and WtW grantees.
- To bring the TANF and Workforce Investment Systems (federal, state and local) together to identify issues, barriers, solutions and successes in welfare reform.
- To brainstorm solutions to identified problems, using those solutions immediately where possible, and to capture all key issues, innovations and ideas to share with all participants and sponsors.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Bay in San Diego on July 7, 1999. For registration and conference schedules, please contact the California Workforce Association at (916) 325-1615, or visit their web site at http://www.calworkforce.org.

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